



OUTREACH NOTICE

Quemado Ranger District
Gila National Forest
Quemado, New Mexico



GS-0486-11

District Wildlife Biologist

The Quemado Ranger District - Gila National Forest, will be advertising a GS-11 District Wildlife Biologist located in Quemado, New Mexico. The vacancy announcement for this position will be posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at, www.usajobs.gov.

Interested applicants, or those desiring more information, should contact District Ranger – Emily Irwin at eirwin@fs.fed.us, she can be reached at 575-773-4678.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE POSITION

The successful applicant will be responsible for oversight and delivery of the District's wildlife program.

Duties include participating on NEPA interdisciplinary teams in support of projects involving wildlife, fuels, range, recreation, special uses and forest products.

The incumbent will develop biological assessments and evaluations in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, participate in planning and implementing wildlife surveys, monitoring and analysis, habitat improvement projects, and preparing reports of findings – for Threatened and Endangered species that include the Mexican Spotted Owl, Chiricahua Leopard frog, Loach Minnow, and Narrow headed Garter snake.

Working with partners (federal, state, and NGO), to plan and implement habitat projects.



On-going Forest/District Activities:

- Serves as an ID Team member for the Luna Restoration Project.
- Reviews documents and provides input into the Gila NF Forest Plan Revision.
- Supports streamlined grazing consultation.

- District liaison with NM Mexican Grey Wolf program manager.
- Program manager for grants and agreements for habitat improvement projects with partners.
- Completes upward reporting in the database of record.
- Coordinates and provides input with Forest program managers for budget and out-year program of work.

This position could supervise 1 - 3 seasonal employees per year.

ABOUT THE FOREST

The Gila National Forest, 3.3 million acres of mountainous forest and rangeland, rises proudly above the desert country of New Mexico. The Gila boasts more federal wilderness than any other national forest in the contiguous United States and is home to the first designated wilderness area.

Unique features on the forest include an ancient Mogollon site now preserved as the Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument, the historic water pipeline of the Catwalk of the Whitewater Canyon, 170 miles of the Continental Divide Trail, and the Aldo Leopold, Gila, and Blue Range Wilderness Areas.

THE DISTRICT

The Quemado Ranger District encompasses more than 640,000 acres of the Gila National Forest and was originally administered by the Apache National Forest. In 1974, administrative responsibility of the Apache transferred to the Gila. Later in 1995, the Quemado and Luna Ranger Districts consolidated to create the Quemado Ranger District.

Twenty full-time District employees staff the fully integrated offices of the Luna Work Center in Luna and the Quemado Ranger Station. Integrated resource management programs on the Quemado Ranger District include:

- Management of the nationally recognized ***Game Unit 15*** elk herd with primitive weapons only hunting.
- Integrated program of wildlife and range ***riparian improvement*** projects.
- Nationally recognized ***watershed improvement*** and ***range betterment*** programs.
- Active ***fuels management*** program including using wildland fire to achieve resource benefits, Wildland Urban Interface hazardous fuels reductions, and prescribed fire management to meet a variety of resource objectives.
- Active fire program with an average of 50 to 80 wildfires annually.
- Collaborative fire management program with local communities and Volunteer Fire Departments, state agencies and other federal agencies.
- Cooperation with the ***Mexican Gray Wolf Reintroduction*** program.
- ***Partnership*** programs designed to accomplish mutual objectives with grazing allotment permittees, youth groups, conservation groups, local residents, and local governments.

In addition to the District's outstanding work programs, the District offers many outdoor recreation opportunities including the **Quemado Lake Recreation Area**, elevation 7,860', where trout and tiger muskie fishing, hiking, and camping attract visitors from all over New Mexico to the 130-acre lake. Three developed campgrounds skirt the lake's edge.

With an average annual rainfall of 15 inches, there are many dry, sunny days in this 4-season climate for visitors to take advantage of the abundant game population of elk, deer, pronghorn, javelina, bear, mountain lion, and wild turkeys. Many visitors enjoy camping in one of the four primitive campgrounds, watching for bald eagles and other wildlife, visiting the Fire lookout towers, or hiking the more than 30 miles of trails including a section of the **Continental Divide Trail**.

LIFE IN QUEMADO

The unusual name for this cozy community of 250 folks originates from the 1880's story of Jose Antonio Padilla. When Padilla settled near a creek east of the present town, he found that American Indians opposing outsiders burned the surrounding brush. Consequently, he named the area "Quemado," Spanish for "burned." Today, a grassland valley surrounded by piñon pine and juniper hills no longer shows the scars of a historic past and accentuates the extinct volcanic area of Quemado.

Located in Catron County (*NM's largest*), Quemado, elevation 6,890', is a service center for local ranchers offering two café's, two motels, two gas/convenience stations both with Gas/Diesel pumps, two service garage's with mechanic's on duty, one stocked country grocery store, a hardware store, Catholic and Baptist churches, and a post office.

The modern community oriented school in Quemado provides grades K-12 while opportunities for higher education are available at the branches of Northland Pioneer College in Springerville, AZ and New Mexico State University in Grants, NM.

Medical facilities are provided by the once a week Clinic from Catron County in Reserve. Full service communities at Springerville, AZ (50 miles west) Grants, NM (*84 miles north*), Socorro, NM (*110 miles east*), Silver City, NM (*160 miles south*), and Show Low, AZ (*100 miles west*) provide additional shopping and medical facilities. The city of Albuquerque, NM (*154 miles north*) has the nearest large scale, commercial airport to meet all travel needs.

To find more information about the Gila National Forest and the Quemado Ranger District, visit our website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/gila>.

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM
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Please return by January 29, 2016

If you are interested in this position and want to receive a copy of the Vacancy Announcement, please complete this form and send to Susan Kennedy skennedy@fs.fed.us or by fax at (575)773-4114.

I am interested and would like to receive a copy of the Vacancy Announcement for the following position:

Position Title: **District Wildlife Biologist**

Location: **Region 3, Gila NF, Quemado Ranger District**

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name:

Date:

E-Mail Address:

Phone:

Current title/series/grade:

Are you currently a Federal employee? ____YES ____ NO

IF YES: Current Agency and location:

Type of Appointment: ____ Permanent ____ Term ____ Temporary

If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee are you eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities:

- ____ Person with Disabilities
- ____ Veterans Readjustment
- ____ Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- ____ Disabled Veteran w/ 30% Compensable Disability
- ____ Student Career Experience Program
- ____ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- ____ Other (please specify):

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.